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The articles in the Star-Ledger concerning the Essex County incinerator, repeatedly state that it is located in the Ironbound district of Newark. This statement may be due to the assumption by many people that all the area east of the Pennsylvania Station is the "Ironbound."

The incinerator, along with the neighboring Essex Generating Station of PSE&G occupies the Southeast tip of the area bounded by the curving Passaic River and Raymond Boulevard. For three-fourths of a century, this piece of land was called "The Island" because it was separated from the rest of Newark by the Morris Canal.

When the canal was abandoned and replaced by Raymond Boulevard, the name had no more significance. Consequently, a little bit of Newark's history disappeared. "The Island" was a memento of the engineering marvel that made a significant contribution to the industrial development of Newark.

Very truly yours,

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